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Senate votes to adopt Sanctity of Marriage Resolutions

Two resolutions were adopted today by the senate encouraging the Michigan Supreme Court to uphold Michigan's resident's values in regard to marriage (that it be between one man and one women) until the court makes its final ruling.

The resolutions, Senate Resolution 68 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 33 won support by the majority of elected leaders, however did draw contention among party lines.

In 2004, citizens cast their vote on this issue. Proposal 2 was offered on the ballot to allow voters to state their view about the sanctity of marriage, and, by a wide margin, the population decreed that marriage was deemed to be the union of one man and one woman. Ten other states also offered voters the opportunity to cast their opinion during the 2004 election. Like Michigan, all ten other states also determined that a traditional marriage between one man and one woman as the only legally recognized marriage.

The resolution has been submitted to the Michigan Supreme Court.